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SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF US MILITARY AIRCRAFT

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1. EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES RECOMMENDATION MADE IN  
REFTEL TO INSTALL AN/GPA-122 AT LUBANG ISLAND.

2. UNITED STATES CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT SEEKING TO ENTER  
PHILIPPINES IN LAST TWO MONTHS HAVE HAD DIFFICULT TIME  
GETTING DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES FROM GOP. PROBLEM IS  
DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS INCLUDING FALLOUT FROM DIFFICULT  
PERIOD OF VIETNAM WITHDRAWAL, US CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT DISREGARD OF  
GOP REGULATIONS AND PROBLEM OF MILITARY UNKNOWNNS MENTIONED  
REFTEL.

3. EARLY IN APRIL 1975, THE PAF FIRST AIR DIVISION  
ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISSUING DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES  
IN ADDITION TO ITS MISSION OF MONITORING PHILIPPINE AIR-  
SPACE. SUBSEQUENTLY, USG AGENCIES ENCOUNTERED A SPATE  
OF PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING AIRCRAFT CLEARANCES. PART OF  
THE PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE THE LARGE NUMBER OF "UNKNOWNNS"  
WHICH TURN OUT TO BE U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT. FIFTY PER-  
CENT OF UNKNOWNNS REPORTED IN THE PHILIPPINE FIR IN PERIOD  
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JAN. 1, 1974 TO MAY 8, 1975 WERE U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT, AND

SEVENTY PERCENT OF THESE WERE IN AN AREA WHICH WOULD BE  
SERVICED BY THE PROPOSED AN/GPA-122 ON LUBANG ISLAND.

4. EMBASSY THEREFORE SUPPORTS INSTALLATION OF THE AN/GPA-122  
TO HELP RESOLVE PROBLEM OF IDENTIFYING UNKNOWNNS. THIS  
HOPEFULLY WILL AMELIORATE THE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE PROBLEM,  
WHILE HELPING TO ASSURE THAT AIRSPACE USE LIMITATIONS DO  
NOT GET OUT OF HAND.  
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